15. United Nations University, Delhi.
16. Vocational University, Delhi.
17. Uttar Pradesh Vishwavidyalaya.
18. Maharana Pratap Shiksha Niketan Vishwavidyalaya, Pratapgarh (U.P.).
19. Raja Arabic University, Nagpur.
20. Urdu University, Motia Park, Bhopal.

Nuclear Disarmament and Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state

(a) the developments that have taken place during the last six months towards the goal of global nuclear disarmament and the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT) and the role played by India therein,

(b) whether any fresh proposals were made by India in this regard during the period,

(c) if so, the details thereof,

(d) the stand of India in regard to signing of CTBT and the reasons therefor,

(e) the reaction of major countries to the Indian stand, country-wise;

(f) whether any moves have been initiated by some countries to pressurise India to sign CTBT; and

(g) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto, country-wise?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL) : (a) In the Ad hoc Committee on CTBT negotiations, India has been playing an active and constructive role. In the past six months progress was achieved in finalising the draft Treaty text but differences remained. The Chairman of the concerned Ad hoc Committee has presented a compromise text to delegations. From the Indian perspective the text is deficient in the core points of concern.

(b) and (c). On 26 January 1996, India tabled amendments to the Preamble, Review and Entry into Force. In the Preamble, India sought to introduce the following language: "through the total elimination of nuclear weapons within a time bound framework", to strengthen the existing references to achieving global nuclear disarmament within a time bound framework. In the Review article, India introduced the following amendment: "With a view to ensuring that the objectives, purpose and the provisions of the Preamble of the treaty are being realised". On the Entry into Force article, India suggested the following amendment: "notwithstanding anything contained in this Article, this treaty shall enter into force only after all States Parties have committed themselves to the attainment of the goal of total elimination of all nuclear weapons within a well-defined timeframe (of ten years)"

(d) India has made it clear that as the draft CTBT text is not a measure towards universal nuclear disarmament and is not in India's national security interest, India cannot subscribe to it in its present form.

(e) A majority of non-aligned countries have expressed support for India's position. The nuclear weapon states are opposed to any binding nuclear disarmament obligations being included in the draft CTBT text.

(f) Some countries have urged India to review its position, to whom our position has been clearly reiterated.

(g) does not arise.

[Translation]

Flood Water for Irrigation

541. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH BHATI : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state

(a) whether Rajasthan has been demanding 12 M.A.F. Ganga river flood water for carrying out irrigation in the 12 districts i.e. Jhunjhunu, Churu, Ganganagar, Nagaur, Jodhpur, Pali, Barmer, Jalaur, Jaipur, Alwar, Bharatpur and Dholpur,

(b) whether the above demand is under consideration of the Union Government since long, and

(c) the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Union Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) and (b). Rajasthan has been demanding since 1984 diversion of Ganga water, for 100 days during monsoon, at the rate of 1133 cubic metres per second (cumec) near Hardwar and 566 cumec near Bijnore for use in the drought prone areas of the State.